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- 11. (SBU) Econoff with officers from the Japanese Embassy and the Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office in Australia on May 21 delivered reftel demarche to Dominic Trindad, Assistant Secretary for Trade Policy and Industrials Branch at Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Trindade said that though he could offer no formal response, the GOA would take under consideration the request to cosponsor the proposal on increasing transparency in export licensing.
- 12. (SBU) Trindade, who until earlier this year was at Australia's mission in Geneva, noted the srong opposition among larger developing country exporters to this proposal when it was made earlier by Japan. He said that even if Australia were unable to cosponsor, he would like to think that Australia could engage positively on the substance. He indicated that Australia's mission in Geneva would contact the US, Japan, and Taiwan missions there.

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